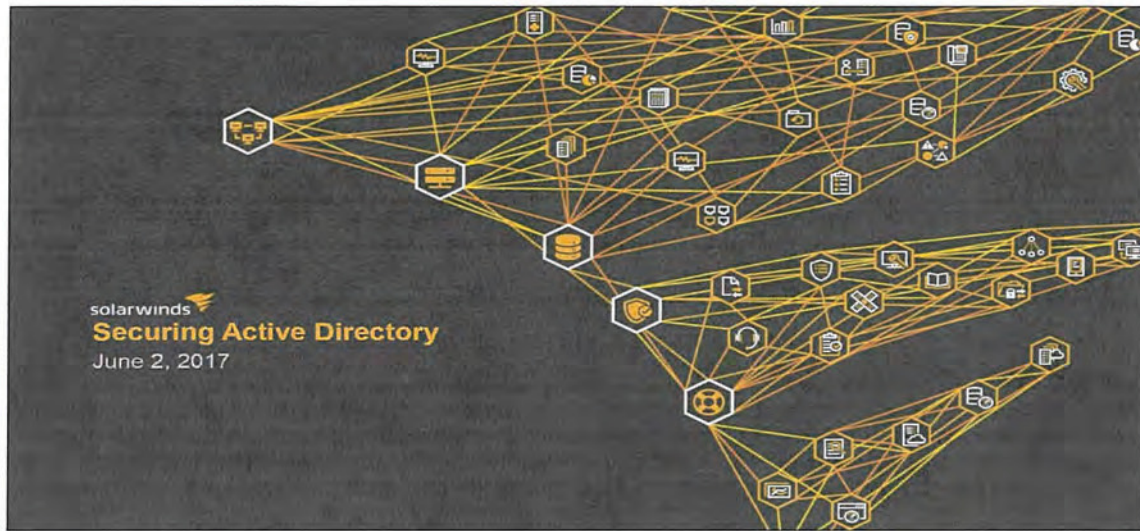


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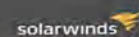


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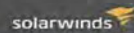
Current assessment



We have an unnecessary level of risk within our environment.

- 15 accounts running as Domain Admin.
- 5 Domain Admin level service accounts with passwords unchanged as far back as 2007.
- System team currently runs as Domain Admin, high level of risk during routine operations and particularly onboarding and off-boarding of personnel.

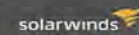
Path forward



Implement a least-privileged based administrative model.

- Follow Microsoft best practices and implement a role based hierarchical structure.
 - The roles will follow standard areas of responsibility such as DBA, Exchange, Active Directory and application.
- No user or service account would use domain admin, any login attempt would trigger an alert.
- Implement managed service accounts and remove any elevated service accounts.

Timeline



This needs to be considered a top priority project, I recommend decreasing or dropping any non-crucial tasks to gain the needed hours.

- 1 Perform complete assessment and account audit. *24 hours*
- 2 Build the hierarchical roles and policies. *16 hours*
- 3 Remove admin rights for all system user accounts. *1 hour*
- 4 Build managed service accounts and matching group policies. *24 hours*
- 5 Test migration of application servers new OU structure. *4 hours*
- 6 Full server migration. *48 hours*
- 7 Implement alarming of any elevated access. *1 hour*



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